

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/1715
Serial No. 10/732,913	Filing Date December 10, 2003	Examiner Not yet assigned	Group Art Unit 1772
Inventor(s) Fell et al.			
Title of Invention FOLD LINE RESISTANT ABSORBENT ARTICLES			

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the waiver of the rules change effective June 30, 2003, Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S.

published applications for applications filed after June 30, 2003, (see 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i)). Copies of U.S. patent documents are not required and therefore are not being submitted herewith inasmuch as the captioned application was filed in the USPTO after June 30, 2003.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent Documents

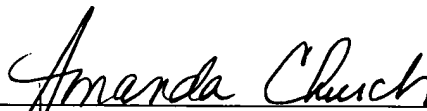
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4,772,282	09/1988	Oakley
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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